

# Barinas State, Venezuela

## Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

### Fact Sheet 2000 • • • • •



The Barinas State, Venezuela GYTS 2000, includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, environmental tobacco smoke exposure (ETS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components Barinas State could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program. The Barinas State, Venezuela GYTS 2000 was a school-based survey of students in grades 6-9 conducted in 2000.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Barinas State school system. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 98.0%, the student response rate was 91.1%, and the overall response rate was 89.3%. A total of 1672 students participated.

## Prevalence

16 out of every 100 students (15.6%) had ever smoked cigarettes  
17 out of every 100 students (17.1%) currently use any tobacco product  
6 out of every 100 students (6.1%) currently smoke cigarettes  
13 out of every 100 students (12.8%) currently use other tobacco products  
12 out of every 100 students (11.6%) of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

## Knowledge and Attitudes

60 out of every 100 students (59.6%) think smoke from others is harmful to them  
13 out of every 100 students (12.6%) think boys who smoke have more friends  
12 out of every 100 students (11.5%) think girls who smoke have more friends  
8 out of every 100 students (7.9%) think boys who smoke look more attractive  
6 out of every 100 students (6.3%) think girls who smoke look more attractive

## Access and Availability - Current Smokers

49 out of every 100 students (48.7%) usually smoke at home  
47 out of every 100 students (47.2%) buy cigarettes in a store  
84 out of every 100 students (83.7%) who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

## Environmental Tobacco Smoke

37 out of every 100 students (36.7%) live in homes where others smoke  
42 out of every 100 students (41.8%) are around others who smoke in places outside their home  
84 out of every 100 students (84.3%) think smoking should be banned from public places  
36 out of every 100 students (36.3%) have one or more parents who smoke  
7 out of every 100 students (6.5%) have most or all friends who smoke

## Cessation - Current Smokers

75 out of every 100 students (75.3%) want to stop smoking  
71 out of every 100 students (71.0%) tried to stop smoking during the past year  
78 out of every 100 students (78.2%) have ever received help to stop smoking

## Media and Advertising

45 out of every 100 students (44.7%) saw a lot of anti-smoking media messages  
45 out of every 100 students (45.0%) saw a lot of pro-cigarette smoking media messages  
12 out of every 100 students (11.9%) have an object with a cigarette brand logo  
9 out of every 100 students (9.4%) were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

## School

40 out of every 100 students (40.4%) had been taught about the dangers of smoking in class during the past year  
26 out of every 100 students (25.5%) had discussed reasons why people their age smoke in class during the past year  
47 out of every 100 students (47.2%) had been taught the effects of tobacco use in class

## Highlights

- Smokeless tobacco used (Chimó) doubles cigarette smoking.
- Over 7 in 10 smokers want to stop.
- ETS exposure is high.
- Almost half of students saw both anti-smoking media messages and pro-cigarette smoking media messages.

## Recommendations

- Enforce of legislation banning smoking and chimo use in public places is needed.
- A youth cessation program is needed.
- Effective tobacco use prevention curricula need to be accessible to more students.

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